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From: Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard  
To: Chief, Bureau of Ships

Subj: USS IWO JIMA (LPH2); report of underway vibration trials

Ref: (a) DUSSEPS ltr LPH2 Ser 345-378 of 18 Dec 1961  
(b) DMB Report 1451 "Ship Vibration" Dec 1960

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1. Vibration trials were conducted on the USS IWO JIMA (LPH2) at sea near San Diego, California, on 10-11 January 1962, in response to and in general accordance with the request of reference (a). Displacement of the vessel at time of leaving port on 10 January 1962 was 15,900 tons. Corresponding drafts were 23'-3" fwd and 24'-5" aft. Designed full load displacement is 17,903 tons with a mean draft of 26'-1". Displacement upon return to port on 12 January 1962 was 15,500 tons corresponding to drafts of 22'-10" fwd and 24'-0" aft. Sea state and wind conditions were mild throughout the trials. The trials were coordinated by a representative from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The ship's force established favorable operating conditions and provided personnel to visually observe vibration conditions throughout the ship. Recording instruments and technical assistance were provided by personnel from Long Beach Naval Shipyard. Observers were present from Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. They provided assistance during the trials and offered helpful suggestions.

2. The trials were conducted in two phases. During the first phase, 10 January, ship speeds were increased from 50 propeller shaft RPM (SRPM) to 117 SRPM in increments of 10 SRPM. Transverse and vertical transducers were mounted on the stern chock, main deck, centerline. GEC Type 4-102A velocity meters were used in conjunction with a Brush dual channel oscillograph, MK II, as the basic recording system. Records from these transducers were obtained at each stabilized speed increment in free route ahead and then under conditions of 35° right and left rudder for a 360° turn in each direction. In addition, an observer checked main propulsion components with an Askania portable vibration recorder to determine if resonant conditions developed during any of these ship operations. During this phase, also, ship's force observers were instructed to record items and areas of maximum vibration throughout the ship. Enclosure (1) outlines the operations during this phase of the trial and summarizes instructions to

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the ship's force observers. Additional instructions were given orally in conference, to ship department heads and their representatives.

3. During the second phase of the trials, 11 January, the ship was operated steadily at 117 SRPM, nominal. Turns were also made at this speed as requested by the trial coordinator. Within the time available measurements were obtained with the Brush recording system at selected positions on propulsion machinery components; on the main deck near amidships (over bulkhead at frame 63), at the bow chock (01 level forward), at the base of the mast at 06 level, at selected positions in the medical spaces, and on the No. 1 (deck edge) elevator. The latter chock was made at 110 SRPM since maximum elevator vibration had been reported at this speed.

4. Results of measurements at the stern chock during speed build-up are given in Table I, enclosure (2). This data has been plotted on Figures I through IV, enclosure (4). Although various components are present, especially during turns, the major components of interest are at propeller blade frequency, fourth order to SRPM. Since propeller shaft speed varied somewhat from nominal settings, especially during turns, the data is plotted on Figures I through I with recorded RPM as abscissa rather than nominal SRPM. Amplitudes given are, in general, quasi-peaks and are all double amplitude. Original records are furnished for additional review, if desired, on (1) through (26) of enclosure (3). Instrument calibration (either channel) is given in enclosure (6). Chart paper speed was 5 in/sec for slow (s) operation, 25 in/sec for medium (m), and 125 in/sec for fast (f).

5. Evaluation of these data indicates that there is no definite hull resonance condition at speeds 50 SRPM and above. A slight peak is evident in both the vertical and transverse directions at about 90 SRPM. This slight rise could be due, however, to anomaly in the experimental conditions or ship response. During the speed increase from astern to full power ahead there were a few cycles of vibration at increased amplitude at about 6.2 CPS, corresponding to a fourth order at 92 SRPM, which also might indicate a resonant condition. Still, such amplitude increases also occurred at other speeds during this build-up but are not reflected in the curve for incremental speeds. In any event, the resonance, if present, is of no serious consequences. Vibration is mild in free route up to 100 SRPM. Above 100 SRPM, amplitudes increase to a maximum of 21 mils in the vertical direction and to a much smaller degree in the transverse direction. It appears that a hull resonance is approaching in the vertical direction at full speed. Decks and bulkheads in areas throughout the ship respond to both the fourth order excitation and, primarily in the after part of the vessel, to the higher frequency components which are present in the wave form. Most difficulty from such vibration is experienced in the medical spaces where it is difficult to write and perform such duties as reading a microscope under full

power conditions. In addition, the rattling of joiner bulkheads, equipment, and material stowed in metal cabinets cause distracting noise condition throughout these spaces.

6. During turns, both the vertical and transverse fourth order vibration levels are materially increased. Vibration is generally greatest at the start of a turn. High levels do, however, often continue throughout the turn or recede after the initial levels have somewhat decayed. Ship vibration behavior is not uniform during turns. There is considerable variation in the amplitude of the peak-peaks. Approximate limits of the variations are shown as dashed lines on Figures XII and XIII, enclosure (6). The full line in these curves represents an approximate mean behavior. It is quite evident from the data that vibration during turns is a forced vibration at propeller blade frequency and does not involve a full resonance. Excitation forces increase rather uniformly with speed but vary with different transient hydrodynamic flow conditions at the propeller with each individual turn.

7. Insufficient time was available during the second phase of the trials on 11 January to operate the ship and investigate the many items reported to be vibrating by the ship's force. A cursory review of reports which were submitted appeared to confirm the impression that local structures in the after part of the vessel responded to both propeller blade excitation and higher frequency vibration components at speeds above 100 SRPM. The forward and midship areas of the ship appeared quite free of vibration during steady course at all speeds but responded generally to propeller blade excitation during the turns. This response varies with location but is the maximum in the island structure and on the foremast. Reports of vibration submitted by ship's force are furnished as enclosure (7). Measurement efforts were confined, as previously indicated, to the main deck (centerline amidships), the bow (at 01 level), the island structure at 06 level, the deck edge elevator, and at representative deck areas in the medical spaces. Since full resonance was not experienced at lower speeds, the investigation on the second day was confined (except for the deck edge elevator) to full power operation at 117 nominal SRPM. Further check of the vibration levels of main propulsion units at full power was made, especially the condenser S.W. intake piping and connections.

8. Table II, enclosure (3), gives the results of the second phase investigation. Significant vibration on propulsion machinery components during straight ahead free route ship operation is in the fore and aft direction and is at propeller blade frequency. This is a forced vibration condition in which the maximum forcing frequency (at full power) is somewhat below the system natural frequency. Measurements previously obtained during dock trials of the vessel indicate a propulsion system natural frequency between



10 and 11 GTS. The ratio of maximum forcing frequency to the natural frequency is therefore about 0.75. This gives a minimum transmissibility of at least 2.0 at full power. This indicates the possibility of significant force amplification throughout the propulsion system. The relative motion between the turbine foundation and the reduction gear foundation, deduced from records (29) and (34), is about 15 mils double amplitude (D.A.). As shown by record (28), amplitudes of the fore and aft vibration did not materially increase during a hard turn to starboard.

9. During the first sea trial of the ship in the Shipyard, large vibratory motion was experienced across the flexible coupling which connects the main condenser S.W. intake pipe with the sea chest valve. Following that trial, three stiffening brackets were installed across the coupling to provide additional support. Additional hangers were installed on the intake pipe and fore and aft braces were installed from the after end of the condenser to the reduction gear foundation. All of these modifications were approved by Westinghouse Electric Corporation contractors for the main propulsion plant. Some effort was therefore expended during the second phase of this vibration trial to investigate presently existing conditions at this location. During straight ahead operations at full power a relative motion of 34 mils D.A. was measured (record 31) in the axial direction (F&A) across the flexible coupling. This condition remained the same during the hard right turn (record 32). A relative motion (also at propeller blade frequency) of 3 am D.A. was measured in the transverse direction during the turn. Absolute fore and aft motion at the flexible coupling end of the intake pipe was about 41 mils D.A. Absolute motion at the intake pipe coupling flange at the condenser end was 33 mils D.A. (record 30). The fore and aft relative motion across the intake pipe was hence about 8 mils D.A. during straight ahead operations. During a hard right turn the transverse motion at the intake pipe flanges was also measured (record 33). Under this condition the motion at the condenser end of the pipe was about equally divided between fourth and about eighth order (to shaft RPM) components. The eighth order component was attenuated about one half over the pipe while the fourth order component was reduced only slightly. It is difficult to determine the relative motion across the pipe from the record obtained but, in general, it appears that the fourth order vibrations at either end are in phase and are subtractive. The eighth order components appear to be out of phase, however, and may therefore be additive across the pipe.

10. Vibration levels at the main deck, centerline, over bulkhead 63 were low (records 35 and 36). For straight course operation a vertical vibration at propeller blade frequency of 5 mils D.A. was measured. Transverse vibration under this condition was negligible. During a hard turn to port, the fourth order vertical remained at about 5 mils during the first part of the turn and then damped out to a negligible amount. The transverse vibration increased to about 4 mils D.A. at propeller blade frequency.

11. Amplitudes at the bow of the ship, 01 level on bow check, were somewhat less than found at the stern (records 37 and 38). Frequency, again, was primarily fourth order to propeller RPM. The vibration wave form was essentially free of the higher frequency components found at the stern. Considerable increase in amplitude in the transverse direction was measured during a hard turn to port. The peak level of vertical vibration remained essentially the same during the turn but there was more variation in amplitude than during the straight course run.

12. Amplitudes in way of the mast, 05 level, frame 63, were mild during straight course operation at full power (record 39) and vibration was at propeller blade frequency and free from higher frequency components. Amplitude was greatest in the transverse direction. During a hard left turn (record 40) the fourth order double amplitude in the transverse direction increased to 77 mils D.A. The corresponding vertical double amplitude was 13 mils. Vibration was observed in the mast during the turn but vibration measurements were not made. The motion was somewhat complex but appeared to be greatest in the transverse direction, with a nodal point approximately half way up the mast from the 07 level. The top of the mast was vibrating at high amplitudes. Although additional braces had previously been installed on electronic installations at the 06 level, vibration on these components was still observed during the turns.

13. Limited time prevented wide coverage of deck and bulkhead vibration in the medical spaces. Measurements were taken at the foot of the X-ray machine (records 41 and 42), on X-ray machine components (record 41), and at the foot of one operating table (records 43 and 44). Maximum amplitudes on the deck at the X-ray machine, in vertical direction, at propeller blade frequency was 34 mils. Fluoroscope support was secured to prevent damage. Vibration at the operating table was not as severe as at the X-ray machine, but was still of sufficient magnitude to handicap work and was considered objectionable at full power and during turns. There was general vibration of decks and bulkheads throughout the medical spaces.

14. An attempt was made to determine if 35° rudder was required to induce the high levels of vibration during turns. Instruments were re-installed at the stern check, main deck, centerline, and turns were made to port with 15° and 10° rudder angles. The turn with 15° rudder angle produced amplitudes about the same as with 35° rudder. The turn with 10° rudder angle produced amplitudes somewhat less than with higher rudder angles.

15. Measurements were taken on the forward, outboard corner of the deck edge elevator at a nominal speed of 110 SRPM (records 48 and 49). The elevator was at the flight deck level. A maximum of 70 mils D.A. vertical, was measured during the turn.

16. It is concluded that vibration levels are generally acceptable during straight ahead operation of the vessel up to speeds of 100 SPM for this ship when operated at a displacement of 2,000 tons under its full load displacement. Above that speed, local structural response occurs throughout the after part of the ship with a maximum measured double amplitude vibration of 21 mils, not only so fourth order, propeller blade frequency, excitation but to the higher frequency components induced by propeller and hydrodynamic action. The scope of this survey was not sufficiently broad to establish any information on the modes of vibration of the hull. Vibration levels during turns increase quite rapidly above 90 SPM and become maximum at full power. Greatest response occurs in the island structure and on the forecast. There is 15 mils relative motion across the reduction gear case to the turbine foundation and between other components which may be causing high levels of stress reversal. There appeared to be no abnormal noise in gears or other components associated with the vibration.

17. It is believed that the high vibration exciting forces during the turns is caused by the large unbalance in propeller blade forces from the differential in water velocity introduced at the plane of the propeller blades when the rudder is put over.

18. With respect to general hull vibration it is noted that the vibration trials were limited in scope as to instrumentation for a complete hull survey and that measurements were only taken with the ship at available displacement. It is also noted that vibration amplitudes recorded under the above conditions at the stern chock were a maximum of 21 mils double amplitude when operating at full power. Reference (b) indicates that no standards of comparison for acceptable vibrations have been established but includes a chart which was developed from hull vibration measurements on naval vessels at Boston Naval Shipyard. Comparison of measurements taken on LPH2 with this chart at full power range from "tolerable" to "not good" at stern chock.

Review of vibration data available on the Maritime Commission Mariner type ship which is similar to and was used as the basic design for developing the USS IWO JMA (LPH2) indicates that this class of ship has a vibration amplitude on the stern of 25 mils double at 110 shaft turns with a four bladed propeller. Vibration characteristics of this ship were reported as varying with different loading conditions and in general were considered as being almost completely vibration free. In view of the foregoing no recommendations are included for immediate corrective action. Review will be made of items reported as vibrating excessively and will be stiffened and corrected as required during the post shakedown availability. Shipyard personnel will be present at final acceptance trials to review items and prepare plans for corrective action.

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19. If it is considered that amplitudes of vibration recorded above are not acceptable, it is recommended that more detailed information on the vibration characteristics of this ship be obtained with the view of possible selection of a more suitable number of propeller blades to reduce the amplitudes of vibration experienced at the stern. There is some indication from data obtained that a three bladed propeller may reduce the amplitudes experienced but in view of limited overall knowledge of the elastic curve for the whole length of the ship it is not recommended that this be tried until more data is obtained. It is suggested that David Taylor Model Basin obtain complete vibration data on the ship during the Bureau of Ships performance and special trials scheduled in April 1962. It is suggested that these trials be conducted in lieu of the Fuel Economy and Heat Balance trials since similar complete trials with calibrated motors were conducted by this Shipyard during Preliminary Acceptance Trials.

20. Data obtained on turbines and reduction gear vibration as reported in paragraph 8 will be furnished Westinghouse Electric Corporation with a request for their comment. Since the installation is the same as existing installations on the Marinor type ships, it is expected that they will have service data to assist in evaluating the effect, if any.

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# TABLE I

TABULAR DATA 1340-1371  
SUBJECT

PHZ Vibration Data

DATE 1/10/62

Transducers located on stem chock, main deck, centerline

Sheet No. 1032

Record No.	Rudder	VERT				TRANSV				Remarks
		SRPM	CPM	mm	mils/mm	mm	CPM	mm	mils/mm	
1	35° L	50	197	2.5	3.1	8	—	NEG	NEG	
2	0°	50	192	NEG	—	NEG	—	NEG	NEG	
3	35° R	50	198	2.5	3.1	8	—	NEG	NEG	
4	0°	60	240	NEG	—	NEG	240	NEG	NEG	
5	35° L	60	200 N	2.0	3.1	6	450	NEG	NEG	
6	35° R	"	200	3.5	3.1	11	—	NEG	NEG	
7	0°	"	240	1	2.6	2	240	1	2.6	2
8	35° L	70	288	1	2.3	2	282	NEG	NEG	2 component wave
9	35° R	"	282	7	2.3	16	282	2.5	2.3	Wave study time
10	0°	80	342	1	2.0	2	342	1 1/2	2.0	3
11	35° L	"	276	5	2.4	12	276	2	2.4	5
12	35° R	"	300	1	2.2	4	300	1.5	2.2	3
13	0°	90	262	4	2.5	10	262	1.5	2.5	4
14	35° L	90	360	3	1.9	6	360	2	1.9	4
15	35° R	90	330	9	2.1	19	330	8	2.1	17
16	0°	100	400	3	2.1	6	330	7	2.1	15
17	35° L	"	372	10	1.7	5	400	2	1.7	3
18	35° R	"	372	9	1.9	19	372	9	1.9	17
19	0°	110	450	9	1.5	14	450	4	1.5	6
20	35° L	"	456	13	1.5	19	456	17	1.5	25
21	35° R	"	420	11	1.6	18	420	17	1.6	27

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Qdr. REC. No.	TIME	LOCATION	DIR.	CPM	mm	mily/mm	P.A. Hily	Remarks
0° (27)		Thud Bearing (Gear Case)	F&A	450	10	1.5	15	
35°R (28)		Alt end of Gear Case	"	"	5.5	1.5	8	
0° (29)		Thud & Brg (Gear Case)	"	414	11	1.7	19	
0° (30)		Alt end of Gear Case	"	"	5	1.7	9	
0° (31)		Red Gear Fldn (Fwd)	"	468	7	1.5	10	
0° (32)		" " " (aft)	"	"	6	1.5	9	
0° (33)		W.S.W. Cond (Pitcho Rg of Gear)	F&A	468	22	1.5	33	
0° (34)		(B) " Pitcho Rg of Gear	"	468	27	1.5	41	
0° (35)		(A) " " Pitcho Rg of Gear	"	468	5	1.5	7	
0° (36)		(B) " Pitcho Rg of Gear	"	468	27	1.5	41	
35°R (37)		(A) " " Do #31 A Rg	F&A	468	6	1.5	9	
35°R (38)		(B) " " (comp)	"	468	27	1.5	41	
35°R (39)		(A) " " (comp)	T	434	7	1.6	11	
35°R (40)		(B) " " (comp)	T	434	12	1.6	19	
35°R (41)		(A) " " Do #30	T	450	15	0.8	12	
35°R (42)		(B) " " Do #30	T	450	8	0.8	6	
0° (43)		Thud Rg (Fwd)	F&A	468	17	1.5	25	
0° (44)		" " (aft)	F&A	468	17	1.5	25	
0° (45)		Wen Dr Rg (Fwd)	Vert	468	3	1.5	5	
0° (46)		" " " (aft)	T	negligible			neg	
35°L (47)	1005	Do #35	Vert	455	3	1.5	5	
35°L (48)		Do #35	T	455	2.5	1.5	4	

Rubber	Record No.	Time	Location	Dir	CPH	mm	veils	veils
0°	(37)		01 Head - Stem (Chock)	Vent	474	8	1.5	12
				T	474	3	1.5	5
35°L	(38)	1020	100 #37	Vent	468	7	1.5	10
				T	420	11	1.6	18
0°	(39)		Back @ 06 Level Board	Vent	468	2.5	1.5	4
			originated the mark, for 63	T	468	7	1.5	10
35°L	(40)		100 #39	Vent	432	8	1.6	13
				T	432	48	1.6	(77)
0°	(41)		X Ray Machine & Deck	Vent	468	2.3	1.5	34
			at 41(5) foot	T		neg		neg (over)
35°L	(42)		100 #41	Vent	468	13	1.5	20-35
				T		3	1.5	5
0°	(43)		Foot operating Table	Vent	468	9	1.5	13
			Comp 101-118-0 L	T	468	2.5	1.5	4
35°L	(44)		100 #43	Vent	468	10	1.5	15
				T	468	5	1.5	8
0°	(45)		Four Tail, Run 100h	Vent	468	15	1.5	22
				T	468	3	1.5	5
15°L	(46)		100 #45	Vent	474	22	1.4	31
				T	468	10	1.5	15
10°L	(47)		100 #45	Vent	474	20	1.4	28
				T	474	8	1.4	11



X-Ray Machine Components

Fluoroscope Support

TRASV 66 miles D.A

Vent 51 miles D.A

Top of table (Vent) 41 miles D.A

468 C.P.M.

WHEEL NO.

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Roller	Recon	Time	Direction	Dir.	CPM	rev	Wt	Wt
0°	48		Forward	Wt	440	8	1.6	13
			Forward	T	440	5	1.6	8
35L	49		Forward	Wt	420	44	1.6	70
			Forward	T	420	13	1.6	21

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LPH2 VIBRATION TRIAL  
 10 JAN. 1962  
 STERN CHOCK, MN. DK., ☐  
 4TH ORDER VERTICAL  
 FREE ROUTE

MAX. 0 FULL AHEAD  
 5 TO FULL ASTERN

MAX. 0 FULL ASTERN  
 70 TO FULL AHEAD

5 AT 8000

DOUBLE AMPLITUDE IN MILLS

50 60 70 80 90 100 110 120  
 CPM/4-

FIGURE I

LPH2 VIBRATION TRIAL  
 10 JAN. 1962  
 STERN CHOCK, MN. DK., Q  
 4th ORDER TRANSVERSE  
 FREE ROUTE

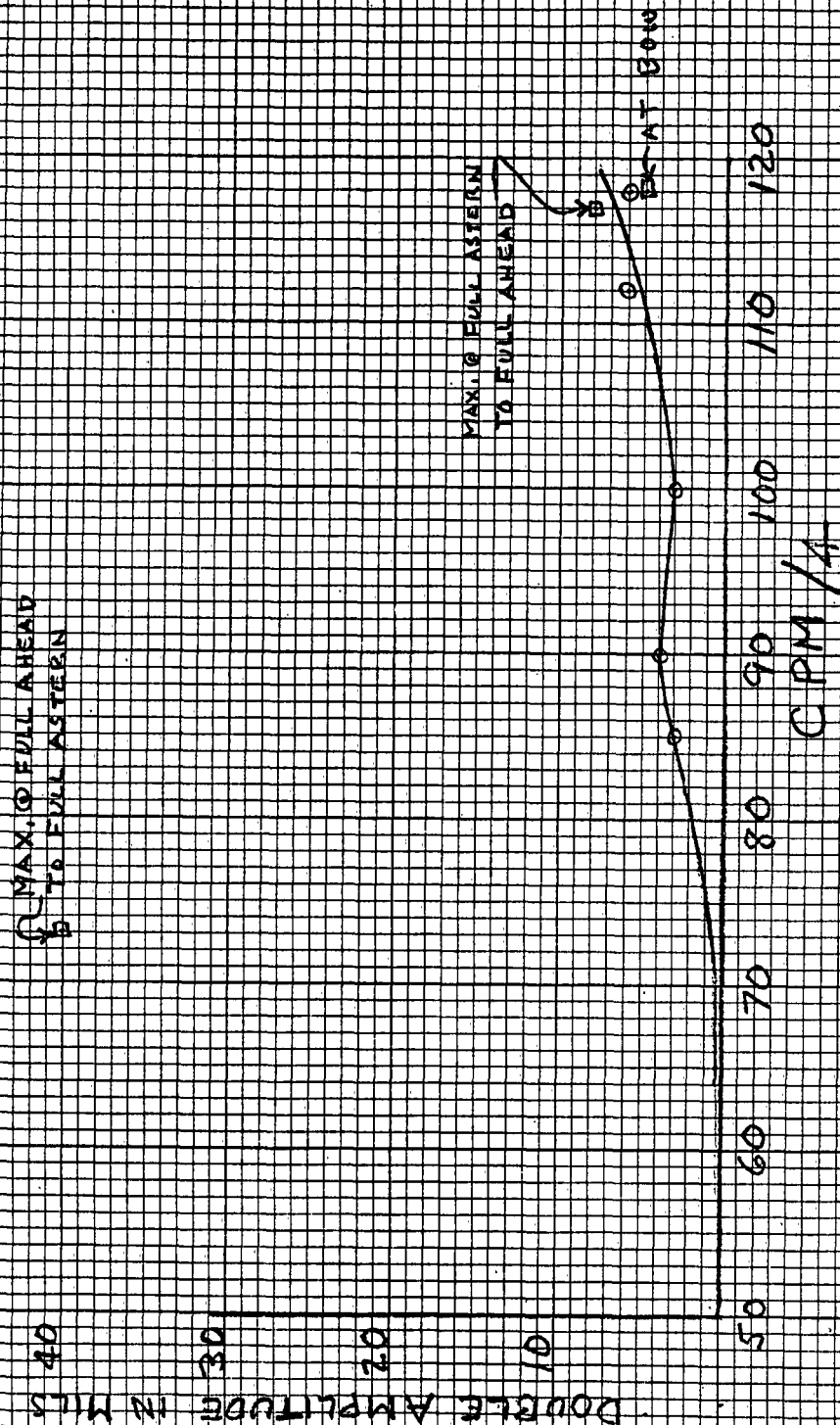


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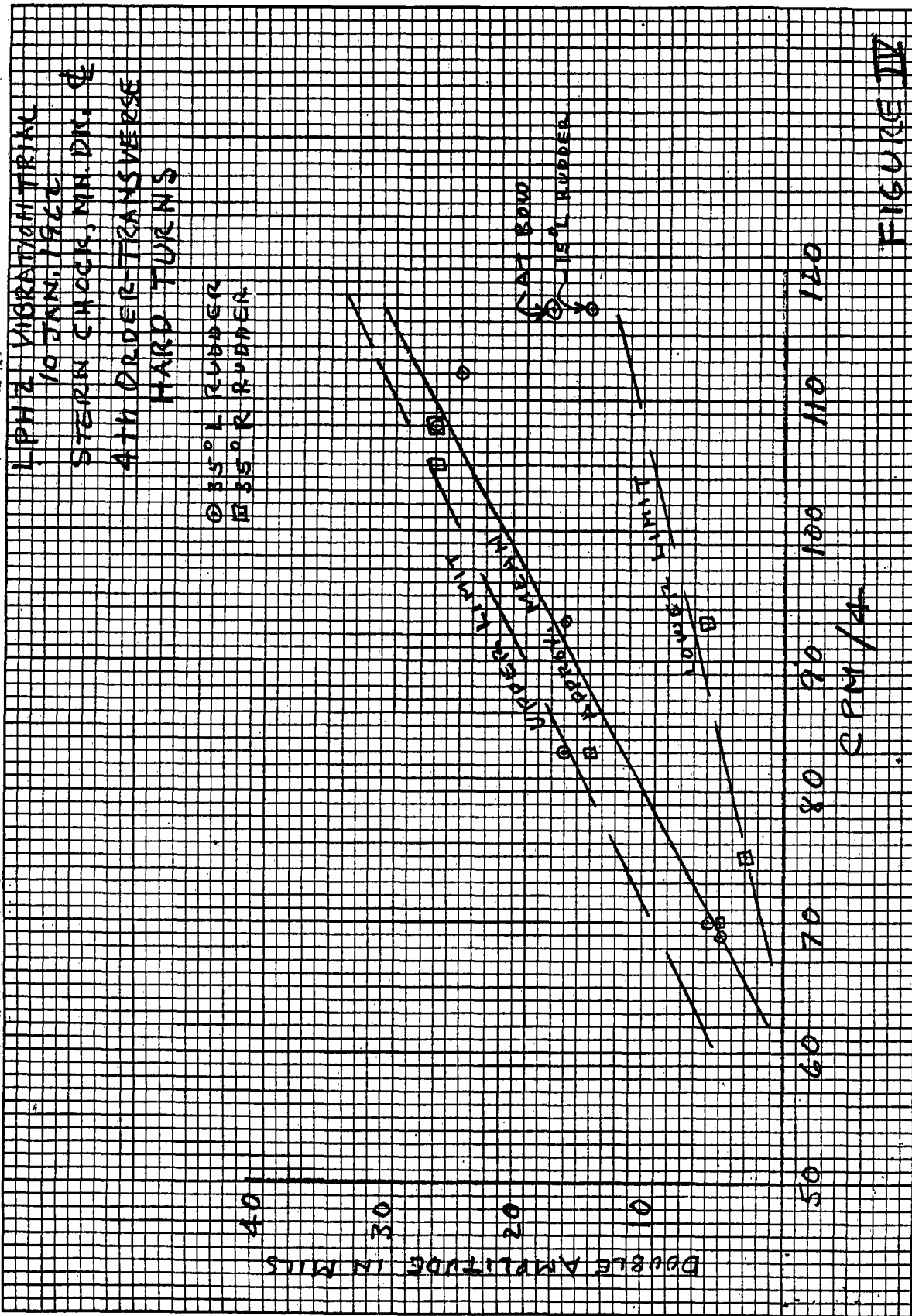


FIGURE IV

SHIP	USS KEARSARGE (CVS33)	ORDER No.	CVS33-800-275-35	DATE	2-20-62
DESIGN DIV.	DESIGN DIV. JOB ORDER	SUPERVISOR	J. M. Watson	TEL. NO.	9231
PREPARED BY	D. C. Tufts				

USS KEARSARGE (CVS33)

No's. 1 and 2, 400 Cycle, Motor Generator Sets; vibration of

Ref: (a) Ship's Work Request 344-61-E

(b) MIL STD 167

1. Vibration measurements were made on the No. 1 and No. 2, 400 Cycle, Motor Generator sets, as requested by reference (a). Vibration measurements were made only for no-load operation of the generators. The maximum vibration at the bearing housings was 2.25 mils double amplitude (DA) on the No. 1 motor generator, and 2.0 mils DA on the No. 2 motor generator. The allowable amplitude for a 3535 RPM motor generator is 1.5 mils DA, see reference (b).

2. Since vibration of both motor generator sets is slightly above the allowable amplitudes as specified by reference (b), and in view of the ship's report of bearing failures in the past, the following recommendations are made:

- Both motor generator sets be taken to the Shop for repairs, including balancing and bearing replacement.
- Both motor generator sets shall be operated on a soft pad in the Shop prior to repair. Notify Code 275 so vibration measurements can be taken.
- Both motor generator sets be dynamically balanced to a precision balance of less than .5 mils DA residual vibration, see MIL SPEC MIL-M-17059. Notify Code 275 so vibration measurements can be taken.
- Re-mount the motor generator sets on the ship, using Fabreeka Pads as per CV34 USS COMBARKY Plan P. S. File No. 4128. Notify Code 275 so vibration measurements can be taken.
- Provide electrical bonding, as required.

FOR J. M. Watson  
E. C. MIDDLETON  
Head, Test Branch

*C/233/22.7: (P. 21.1) Deferred due to lack of funds. Please issue for second program and provide C/212 with estimated costs. Matthew 4/20/62 3/25/62*

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	USS TICONDEROGA (CVA14)	CVA14-800-275-1	28 February 1962
WORK ORDER NO.	PREPARED BY	SUPERVISOR	TEL. NO.
	L. C. Tofts	J. M. Watson	9231
SUBJECT	DESIGN DIV. JOB ORDER		
USS TICONDEROGA (CVA14)	16420-8001-01 P68		

Vibration of Ship's Service Generators; report of investigation

Ref: (a) PSNS Test Memo No. T-23293  
(b) Ship's Work Request No. 287-62-E  
(c) MIL-STD-167

1. Reference (a) requested a vibration investigation of No's. 1, 3, and 4 ship's service generators. This investigation was accomplished while the ship was underway from Bangor to the Shipyard, on 24 February 1962. The ship requested that a vibration check of the No. 2 generator also be made. A check of the No. 2 generator was made, concurrently, with the checks made on the No's. 1, 3, and 4 generators. Generator load was changed by shifting ship's load between generators.

2. Vibration measurements were made at the end of the exciter, and on the foundation below the exciter. In all cases, vibration frequency was first order to the generator RPM. The amplitudes of vibration are given below, in mils double amplitude (DA).

#### GENERATOR

Location of Vibration	1			2			3			4			
	Load	0	50	100	0	50	100	0	50	100	0	50	100
Vertical (Generator)		2 1/2	1		3	4	4	7	4	3	1.5	6	
Transverse (Generator)		2	2	2	10	10	10	14	10	10	5	5	
Longitudinal (Generator)		1/2	1	1	2	2	3	2	2	1	1	4	
Vertical (Foundation)		1	1	1.5	4	5	4	6	5	3/4	2	3	
Transverse (Foundation)		3	3	4	5	5	4	6	6	6	1.5	4	
Longitudinal (Foundation)		0	1	1.5	2	1	1	1/2	1.5	3/4	1	1	

Measurements were also taken on the fwd turbine bearing and on the reduction gear case. In all test conditions, these amplitudes were less than 1 mil DA.

3. The above measurements indicate the following:

- a. The vibration on the No. 1 generator is only slightly above the allowable level of 1.4 mil DA, reference (c).
- b. Vibration on the turbine and reduction gears is within the allowable 1.4 mils DA, reference (c).

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c. Vibration on the exciter on Generators 2, 3, and 4 is excessive. There are indications of misalignment and/or unbalance.

4. It is recommended that the alignment of the No's. 2, 3, and 4 ship's service generators' components be checked, and that the exciters be balanced to bring the vibration amplitude to within 1.4 mils DA, as specified by reference (c).

5. A high frequency noise, excessive in level, was emitted from the reduction gears of Generators 1, 3, and 4 when the generators were operating under full load. This noise decreased as load was decreased until it was not discernable above other noises during no-load operation of the generators. The same noise was emitted from set No. 2, but did not seem excessive. It is believed that this noise may be caused by misalignment, excessive wear, or hobbing error on the main pinion, or lubricating pump gears. It is recommended that production work include opening and inspecting the gear units for Generators 1, 3, and 4, and correcting any deficiencies found.

6. It is requested that Code 275 be informed when these generators are ready for operation, following repair. A check of vibration will then be made to determine the effectiveness of corrective action, and gear noise will be more fully investigated by instrument methods if excessive noise persists.

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*C/233: Same for information*  
*Matthews H206 9/212B*  
*5/11/62*

*Note: Exciters for #2, 3 + 4 S. GEN have been Removed AND*  
*Shipped out for Repair & balancing J.D. 16420-6103*  
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AIR MAIL

From: Commander, Puget Sound Naval Shipyard  
To: Commander, Naval Air Force  
U. S. Pacific Fleet  
U. S. Naval Air Station  
San Diego 35, California

Subj: USS KEARSARGE (CVS33), Vibration Survey of SPN-8 Platform;  
report of

Ref: (a) COMNAVAIRFAC msg 310233Z Mar  
(b) Specification MIL-STD 167, Shipboard Vibration

1. A vibration survey of the SPN-8 radar platform on USS KEARSARGE (CVS33) was requested by reference (a). The survey was accomplished during the 80% full power run of the INSURV trials on 9 and 10 April 1962.
2. Vibration of the SPN-8 platform was measured at the junction of transverse and longitudinal stiffening, on the underside of the platform, about one foot aft of the antenna center. Measurements were also made on the island structure at the attachment of SPN-8 platform longitudinals, and within the SPN-12 radar room, frame 106, starboard side, at the junction of bulkhead stiffening and the O6 deck. The displacement double amplitudes (D.A.) and frequencies observed during ship operation at speed increments between 150 and 239 RPM are recorded in the table below:

Pickup Location	Pickup Direction	Ship Speed in Shaft RPM												80% Full Power Turns (239 RPM)	
		150		170		190		210		220		230		239	
		F	DA	F	DA	F	DA	F	DA	F	DA	F	DA	F	DA
SPN-8														5	95
Platform	Vertical	18	3 18	9	18	7	18	16	18	16	18	12	18	12	18
SPN-8		6.5	2							17.5	2			6.5	160
Platform	Athwartship													10	35
		10.5	3	10.5	6	12.5	5	18	2	15	2	25	2	17.5	3 24 18
SPN-8								10	1						
Platform	Longitudinal	10	3	10.5	3	10.5	2	18	3	12	3	15	3	15	2
Island at															
Platform	Vertical	15	1 14	2	12.5	2	14	2	14	1	14	2	14	2	
Island at		13	1 15	2	7	6	14	2	14	3	17.5	1	14	2	
Platform	Athwartship					14	1	14	3	15	3	15	2		
AN/SPN-12															
Equip. Rm.	Athwartship	6.5	2 14	1	6.5	5	3.5	10	3.5	5	7	2	3.5	10	
	Vertical													15	3

F -- Frequency in cps.

DA -- Displacement in mils double amplitude.

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3. The vibration amplitudes recorded above for straight course operation are within the acceptable limits for shipboard vibration defined in basic specifications, reference (b). The 160 m/s (D.A.) transverse vibration at 6.5 cps, recorded during turns at 239 RPM, is about three times greater than levels specified by reference (b).

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SHIP	DD887-275-800-69	DATE	2 May 1962
U.S. BRINKLEY BASS (DD887)			
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DESIGN DIV. JOB ORDER			

U.S. BRINKLEY BASS (DD887)

Report on DASH SKT discrepancy; excessive noise from 400 cycle motor generator set

Ref: (a) Design action request of 4-19-62, file 72.  
(b) General specifications for ships section 81-10

- Noise level measurements requested by ref (a) were taken in the DASH hangar near the 400 cycle MG, and in the Executive Officer's stateroom which is located just below the MG set.
- The noise levels measured in both the DASH hangar and in the Executive Officer's stateroom are within the limits of reference (b). It is doubtful that additional repair work on the motor-generator would appreciably reduce its noise levels since variable speed gears of this type are inherently noisy.
- No corrective action is recommended.

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*No action required. Issued for info only.*

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SHIP	USS KEARSARGE (CVS33)	MEMO NO.	CVS33-404-275-40	DATE	5-2-62
PREPARED BY	J.M. Watson	SUPERVISOR		TEL. NO.	9231
SUBJECT	USS KEARSARGE (CVS33) Diurnal survey of AN/SPS-43A Antenna Turntable				

1. Object of Test:

Testing was undertaken to measure and determine cause of excessive noise in the radar antenna turntable.

2. Methods of Testing:

Vibration data was tape recorded for three orthogonal planes at the mount. Visual and audible observations were made from the base of the antenna support structure. The testing was done for all operational modes of the turntable at low ships speed in calm water.

3. Results:

a. Wind loading of the antenna varied turntable noise level and character.

b. The AN/SPS-43 turntable had a considerably higher noise level than other nearby radar installations.

c. Random vibration of turntable for clock-wise rotation was higher than it was for counter-clockwise rotation in the horizontal plane (plane of bull gear).

RPM	MODE	ROTATION CHANGE	Δ DB
7½	Vert.	CCW → CW	-1
7½	Trans.	CCW → CW	+5
7½	Long.	CCW → CW	+5

d. Increases in antenna rotational speed caused large noise increases.

RPM CHANGE	MODE	ROTATION	Δ DB
0 → 7½	Trans.	CW	+17
0 → 7½	Long.	CW	+22
0 → 7½	Vert.	CW	+27
7½ → 15	Vert.	CW	+ 4
7½ → 15	Long.	CW	+ 4

e. Spectrum analysis of vibration data indicated the major components of generated noise existed at bull gear tooth frequency.

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REARSARGE (CVS33)

ANTENNA SPEED	BULL-GEAR TOOTH FREQ	VIBRATION MODE	SPECTRUM CENTER FREQ	APPROX BAND	SPEC LEVEL (db//g)
7 1/2 rpm	160 cps	Trans.	350 cps	2nd	-38
7 1/2	160	Trans.	600	4th	-35
7 1/2	160	Vert.	1000	6th	-65
7 1/2	160	Long.	1000	6th	-65
7 1/2	160	Trans.	1050	7th	-28
7 1/2	160	Long.	1450	9th	-69
7 1/2	160	Vert.	1500	9th	-65
15	320	Long.	1675	5th	-48
15	320	Vert.	2100	7th	-48
15	320	Long.	3800	12th	-40
15	320	Vert.	4075	13th	-37

(Ambients are more than 30 db below spectrum level.)

#### 4. Conclusions:

- The turntable bull and pinion gear are the probable source of excessive noise. Limits of acceptability for this noise are not provided in any known specifications.
- The noise produced by the turntable is not detrimental to voice communication.
- Turntable noise and vibration are not apparent in compartments adjacent to antenna installation.
- This antenna turntable is considerably more noisy than other radar turntables observed on the ship.
- No objectionable electronic interference has been traced to the turntable vibration.

#### 5. Recommendations:

- The turntable assembly should be inspected for gear tooth wear and other mechanical deficiencies at the ship's next availability. Test findings do not constitute a requirement for immediate correction.
- It is recommended <sup>THAT</sup> <sup>273</sup> the cognizant design codes initiate action with the Bureau of Ships to provide more detailed specifications for antenna drive gears and their allowable noise levels.

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USS THUNDERBOLT (CV14)

1. Reference (a) noted excessive vibration on turbo-generators 2, 3, & 4 that was found by pre-overhaul testing. These machines were subsequently repaired by contractor, and post-overhaul vibration tests were conducted in accordance with ref (b). These tests were completed on turbo-generators 2 and 3, June 15, 1962. Turbo-generator #4 was not ready for testing.

2. Vibration frequency and amplitude were measured at zero and 24% rated KW load. Measurements were made at accessible bearing locations by use of a G.E. vibration indicator and an Askania vibrograph. The following table indicates the results of vibration measurements.

NO.	LOCATION	% KW LOAD	FREQ CPS	MODE	AMPLITUDE MILS (DA)	
#2	EXCITER BRG	0	53	V	2	
	"			L	1	
	"			T	6	
	PEDestal BRG			V	1	
	"			T	2	
	REDUCTION GEAR			V	1/2	
	"			T	1/2	
	EXCITER BRG		60	V	2	
	"			L	2	
	"			T	8	
	PEDestal BRG			V	1	
	"			T	1/2	
#2	EXCITER BRG	242		V	2	
	"			L	3	
	"			T	8	
	PEDestal BRG			V	1	
	"			T	2	
	#1 BRG				LESS THAN 1	
	#3	EXCITER BRG	0	60	V	2
		"			L	2
		"			T	13
		PEDestal BRG			T	3
		REDUCTION GEAR			V	1

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LOCATION	% KW LOAD	FREQ CPS	MODE	AMPLITUDE MILS (DA)
REDUCTION GEAR	0	60	T	2
#1 BRG			V	1
"			L	1
"			T	2
EXCITER BRG	24%		V	4
"			L	2
"			T	13
REDISTAL BRG			T	2
REDUCTION GEAR			V	2
"			T	2
#1 BRG			V	1/2
"			L	1/2
"			T	2

LEGEND: V - VERTICAL  
 L - LONGITUDINAL  
 T - TRANSVERSE

3. Data listed in Table I indicates that:

a. The exciter on turbogenerator #2 is above ref (c) tolerances in the three vibration planes tested. The exciter bearing is running 600% above limits in the transverse vibrational plane.

b. The exciter on turbogenerator #3 is over acceptable limits in all vibrational planes. The transverse mode on the exciter bearing is exceptionally poor with amplitudes 930% in excess of specifications. The reduction gear and #1 turbine bearing were also vibrating slightly in excess of tolerance, principally in the transverse plane.

c. The vibration levels are not appreciably affected by 24% increase in KW load from a no load condition.

d. All vibration frequencies are at generator shaft RPM.

e. Large vibrations noted on #3 turbine are probably caused by exciter vibration.

4. The vibration is generally produced in all planes, however, in this case the generator foundation restricts the motion to the horizontal plane. Vibration such as this can be developed by: (a) rotor assembly unbalance, (b) bent shafting, (c) improperly aligned flange coupling, and (d) misaligned exciter bearings. From the data gathered it is impossible to say what combination of these possibilities is producing the vibration.

5. It is therefore recommended that the exciters on both machines be carefully checked for: (a) rotor assembly unbalance, (b) bent shafting, (c) improperly aligned flange coupling (all three planes), and (d) exciter bearing alignment. Final dynamic balancing, in place, by portable balancer is recommended. The final assemblies should not produce more than 1.4 mil (DA) at the bearings when the generator is rotating at 3600 RPM.

6. It is requested that Code 275 be notified when final tests of these machines may be made. Assistance with in-place balancing will also be provided when requested.

See J.O. 16420-6103-06  
for Coverage To Balance Machines  
in Place. Includes Balancing of #1  
& #2 as well as #3 & #4.

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SHIP	USS COLUMBUS (CG12)	MEMO NO.	CG12-800-275-17	DATE	7-31-62
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USS COLUMBUS (CG12)		DESIGN DIV. JMS			

Vibration Survey, report of

- Re: (a) Shaker test of the macks, USS COLUMBUS (CG12), TR-23200  
 (b) NAVSHIPYD Boston, Speed Ltr (265) CG10 dtd 10 May 1962  
 (c) MIL STD 167

1. Vibration measurements were made on the USS COLUMBUS (CG12) during the power buildup for the ship's familiarization trial run on 12 June 1962. The speeds below 15 knots were made in the channel inside Point Wilson, and those above 15 knots were made in the Straights of Juan De Fuca. The vessel's mean draft was about 22' - 2½", and trim was about 2' - 1" by the stern.

2. Vibration was measured by 22 Statham accelerometers, mounted in locations shown on Sketch No. 1. They were attached to main structural members, at the junction of several members where local panel responses were minimized. Recordings were made by GEC amplifiers, Kintel amplifiers and a Brush recorder, all of which were capable of frequency response down to D.C. Results of these measurements on the macks and the top mast were satisfactory in establishing amplitude and frequency of motion, but were inconclusive in determining mode characteristics. Measurement of hull vibration was completed satisfactorily on the midship and forward portions. Data obtained on the stern area, aft of frame 150, is considered inconclusive since the heavy vibration persisting in this area was recorded only by two pickups, mounted at the stern towing chock.

3. Vibration on the macks was predominately 1st order to shaft rotation frequency, and that on hull aft was exclusively fourth order. Graphic presentation of vibration at points of major interest are shown in figures 1 thru 8.

4. Maximum vibration at the base of the TACAN antenna on the top mast of the fwd mack was .205 inches double amplitude (DA) in the longitudinal direction at a ship speed of 20 knots (190 SRPM). The sharply peaked response curve, see Figure 1, indicates a natural frequency for longitudinal motion of the top mast at 190 CPM. This information augments that of Ref (a) in which frequencies were not extended low enough to detect the 190 CPM resonance. The maximum athwartship vibration of the top mast was .140 inches DA at 22 knots (210 SRPM).

5. The maximum amplitude at the top of the fwd mack was .169 inch DA at 24 knots (23 SRPM). See figure 3. This vibration was in the athwartship direction and its frequency was 231 CPM or 3.9 CPS. The latter does not correlate with reference (a) in which no natural frequency was found above 160 SRPM. Also, this 231 CPM frequency is higher than that stated in reference (b). No appreciable vibration in the longitudinal direction was found in the range of speeds investigated. This agrees with finding of references (a) and (b). The maximum amplitudes on the Aft mack were .087 inches DA at 22 knots (210 CPM) in the athwartship direction and .100 inches DA at 28 knots (272 CPM) in the longitudinal direction. (See figures 4 and 5). The 210 CPM frequency for athwartship vibration agrees

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with the natural frequency stated in references (a) and (b). The indication of a natural frequency for longitudinal vibration at 272 CPM agrees within 10 CPM with both reference (a) and (b).

6. Figures number 7 and 8 show the vibration recorded in transverse and vertical direction at frame 166, near the towing chock at the stern. This vibration was 4th order to propeller shaft RPM. The maximum level in transverse direction was 18 mils DA at about 1000 CPM, and in vertical direction 38 mils and 30 mils at frequencies of 760 CPM and 1000 CPM respectively. The 4th order vibration recorded by other pickups on the hull, forward of frame 140 did not exceed 3 mils DA and was considered insignificant. Also, sensory observations made throughout the stern area at the higher speeds indicated that vibration severity progressively increased aft of frame 140 to the stern. Although vibration and associated noise was noticeable throughout the stern area on 2nd deck, 3rd deck, and in the helicopter hanger, no serious resonances of structure or equipment were evident.

7. The amplitudes of vibration for both hull and masts on the USS COLUMBUS (CG12) are higher than found on the USS ALBANY (CG10). This difference may be partially due to differences in points of measurement. For example, hull vibration at the stern of the USS COLUMBUS (CG12) was measured at frame 166 where vibration is expected to be greater than at frame 154, the point of measurement on the USS ALBANY (CG10).

8. Vibration levels on the topmast and the masts are not considered excessive unless their motion induces a more severe, resonant response of antennas or equipment mounted thereon. Since reference (c) quotes a maximum amplitude of ship hull vibration as 50 mils (DA) in frequency range of 5 to 10 CPS, the amplitudes up to 200 mils measured on the topmast, far above the basic hull and at frequency of only 3 CPS appear tolerable. These latter motions result in mild structural loadings of about .09 G. Vibration in vertical direction at the stern for speeds around 28 knots exceed the limits of reference (c). Since this vibration was confined to the stern portion of the vessel, and since no existence of severe local resonances were observed, it is not considered a serious deficiency.

9. It is recommended that:

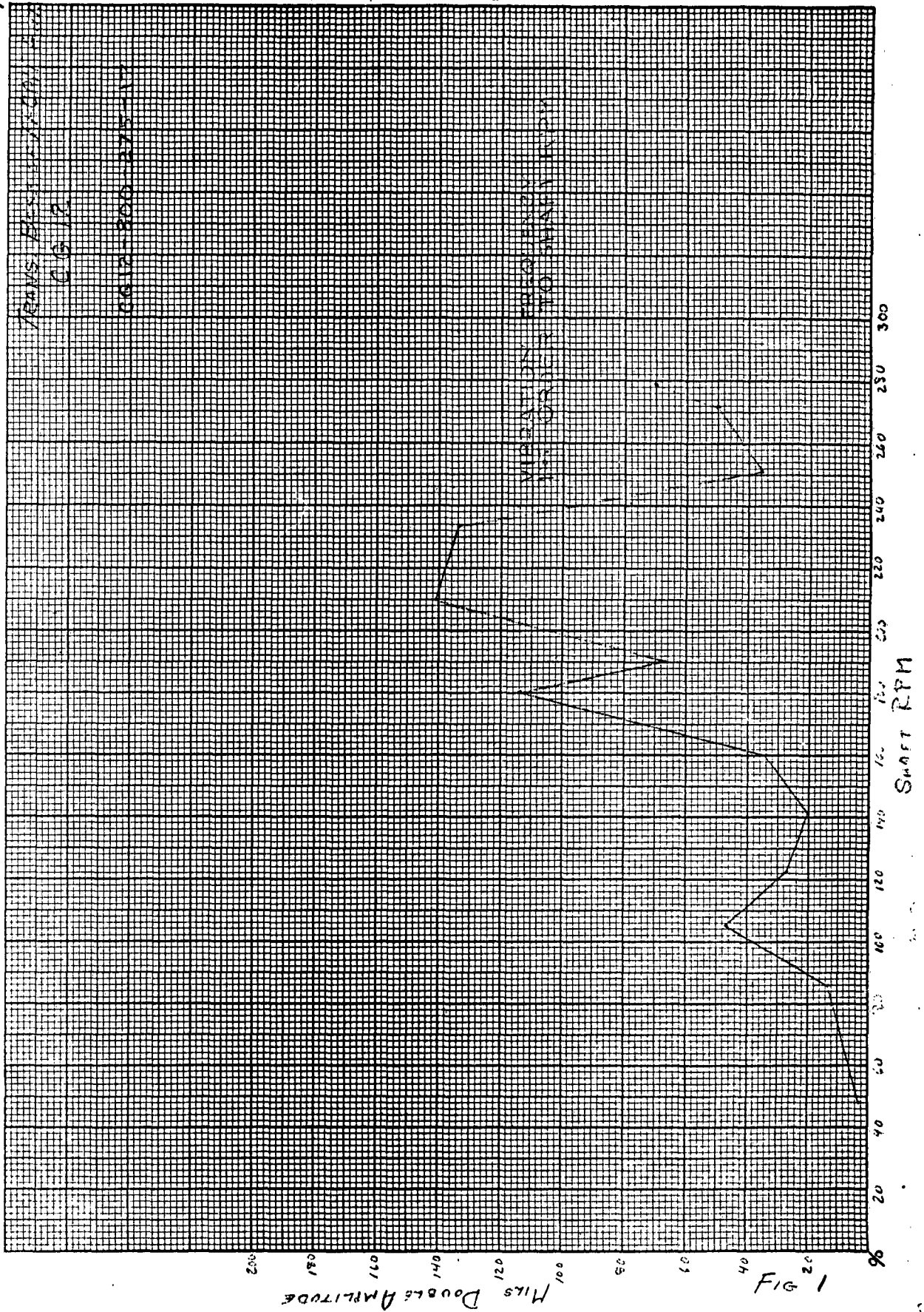
- a. No further vibration investigation of the masts and topmast be undertaken unless a major change in loading is made.
- b. A limited survey with portable equipment be made during the next trial to determine and investigate all local resonance problems.
- c. An instrument survey be made of the hull aft of frame 140.

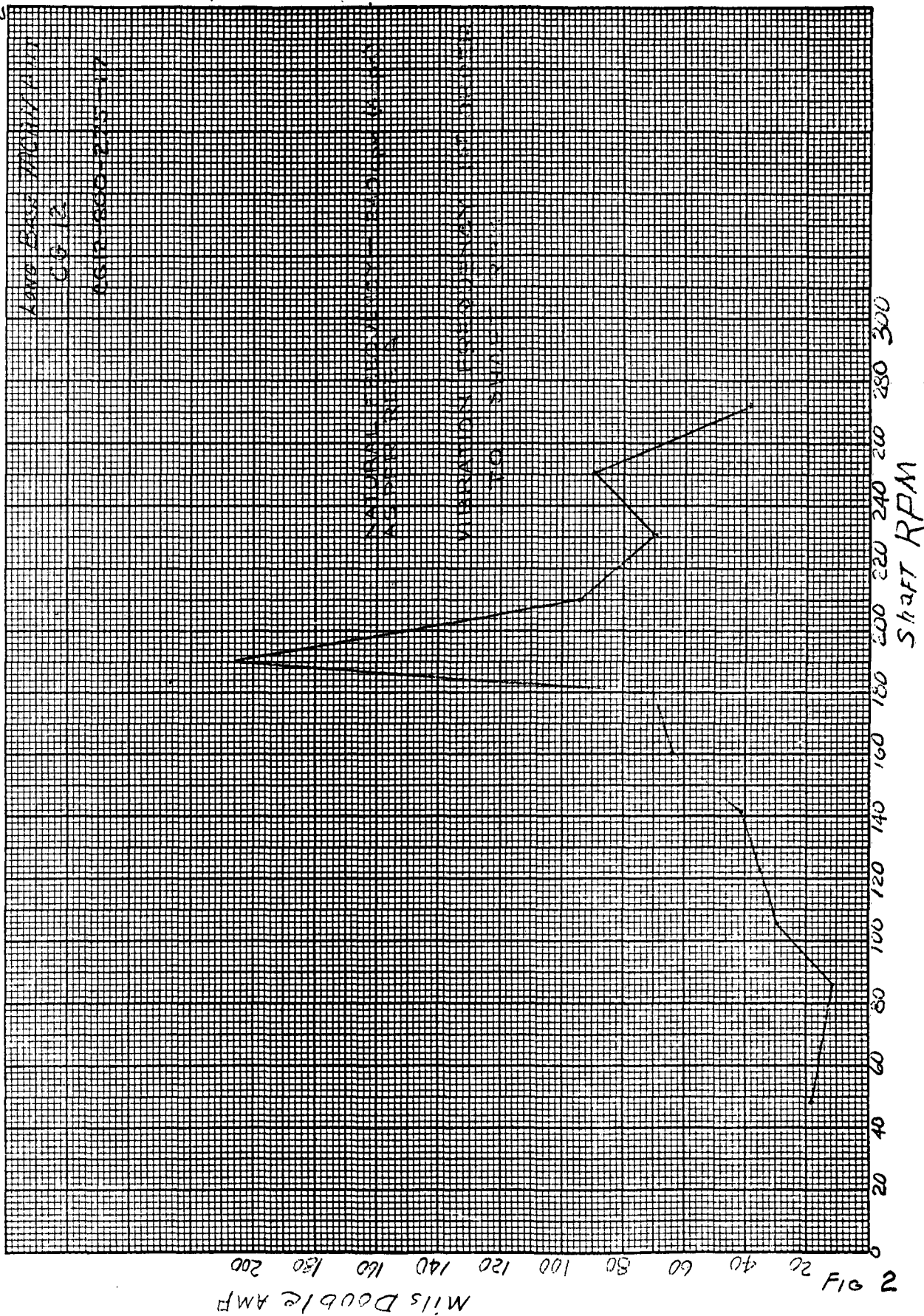
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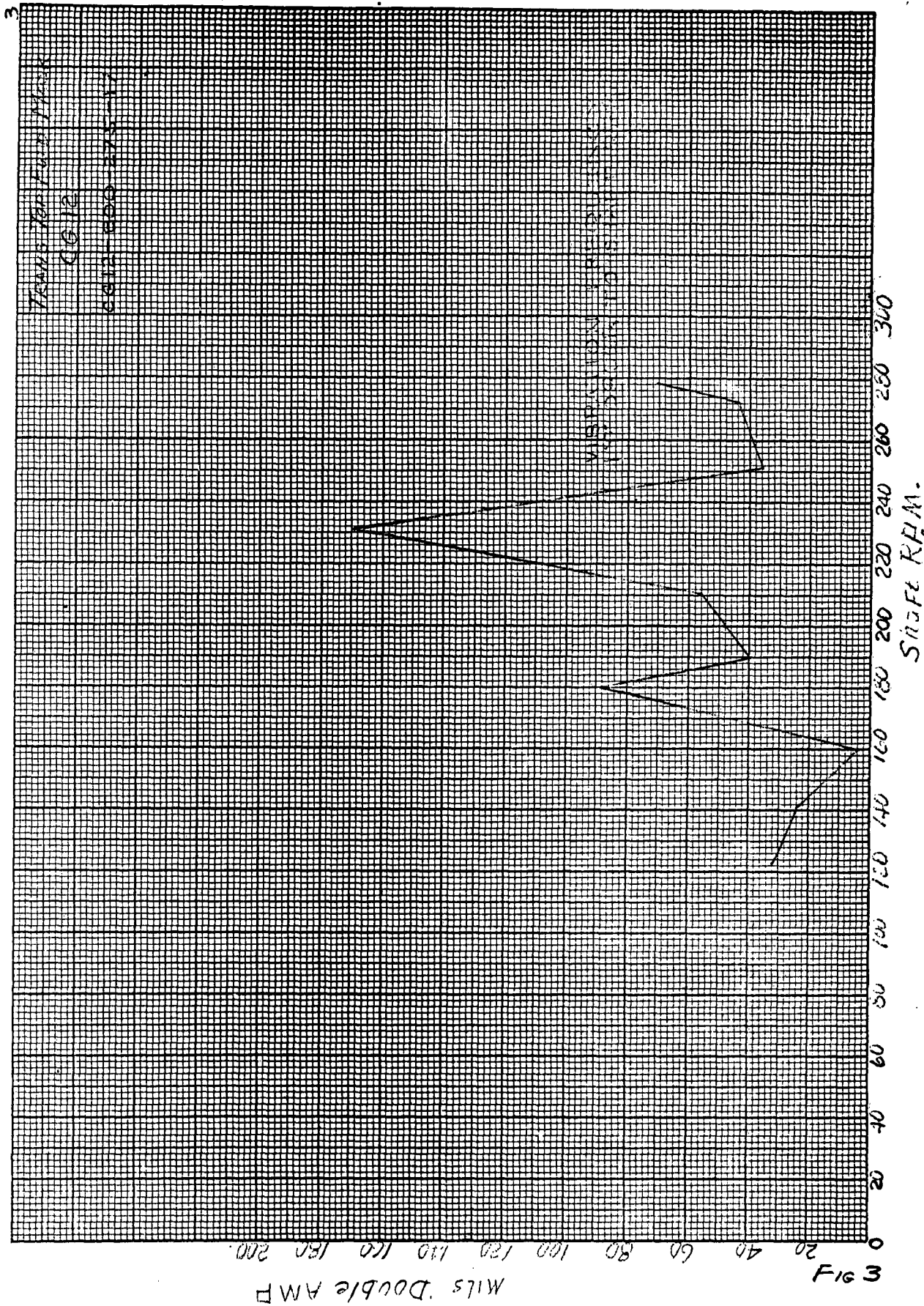
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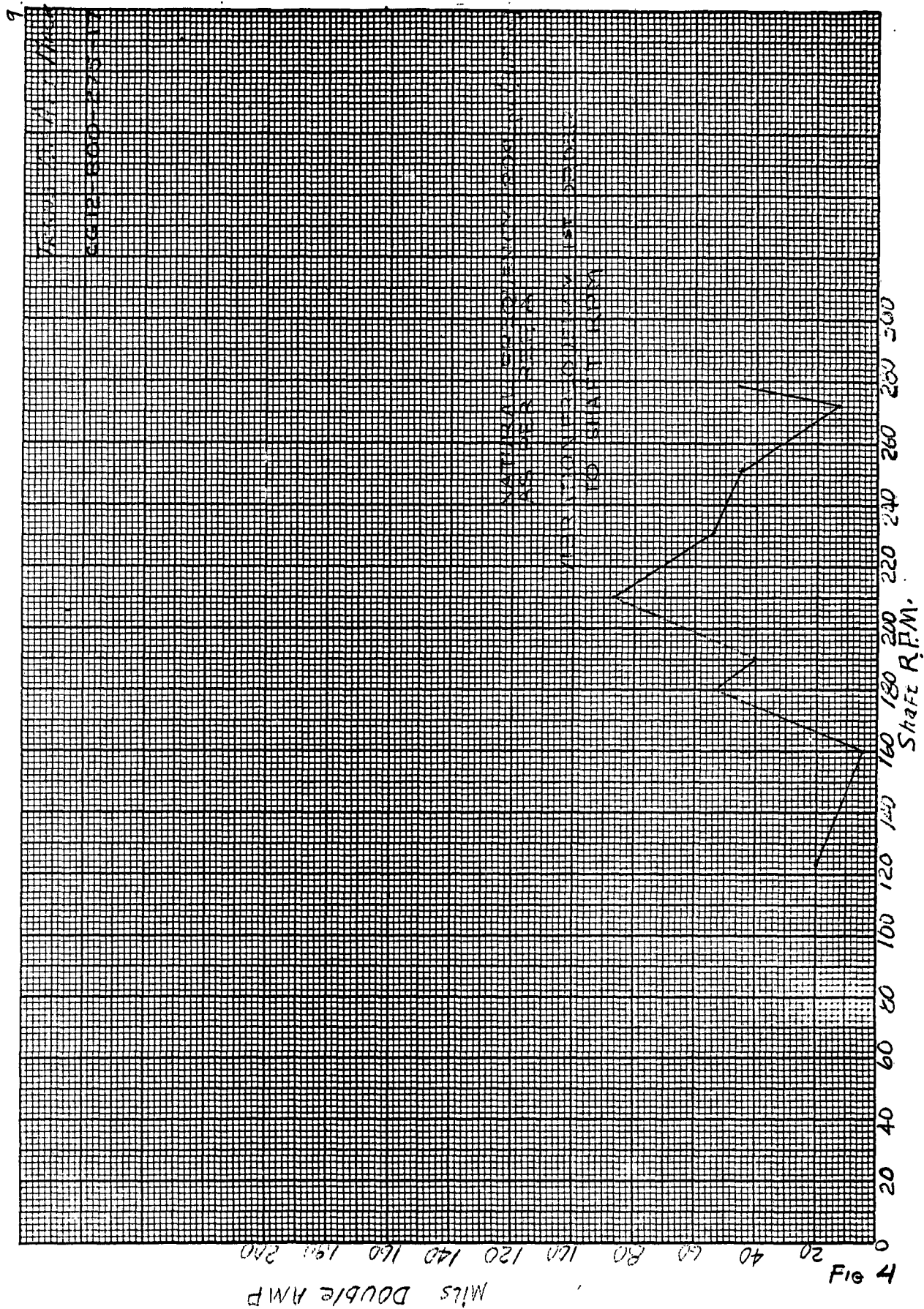


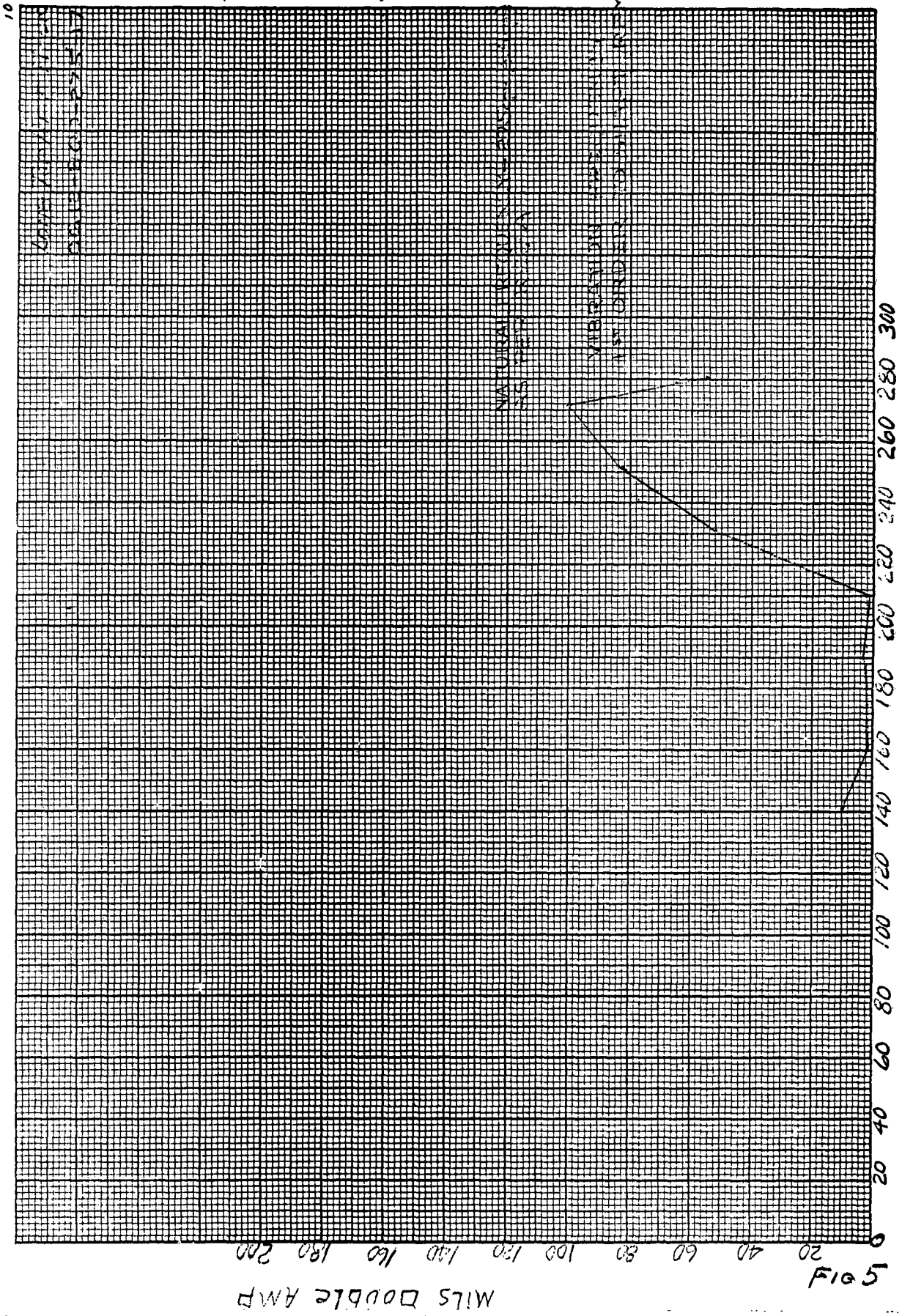






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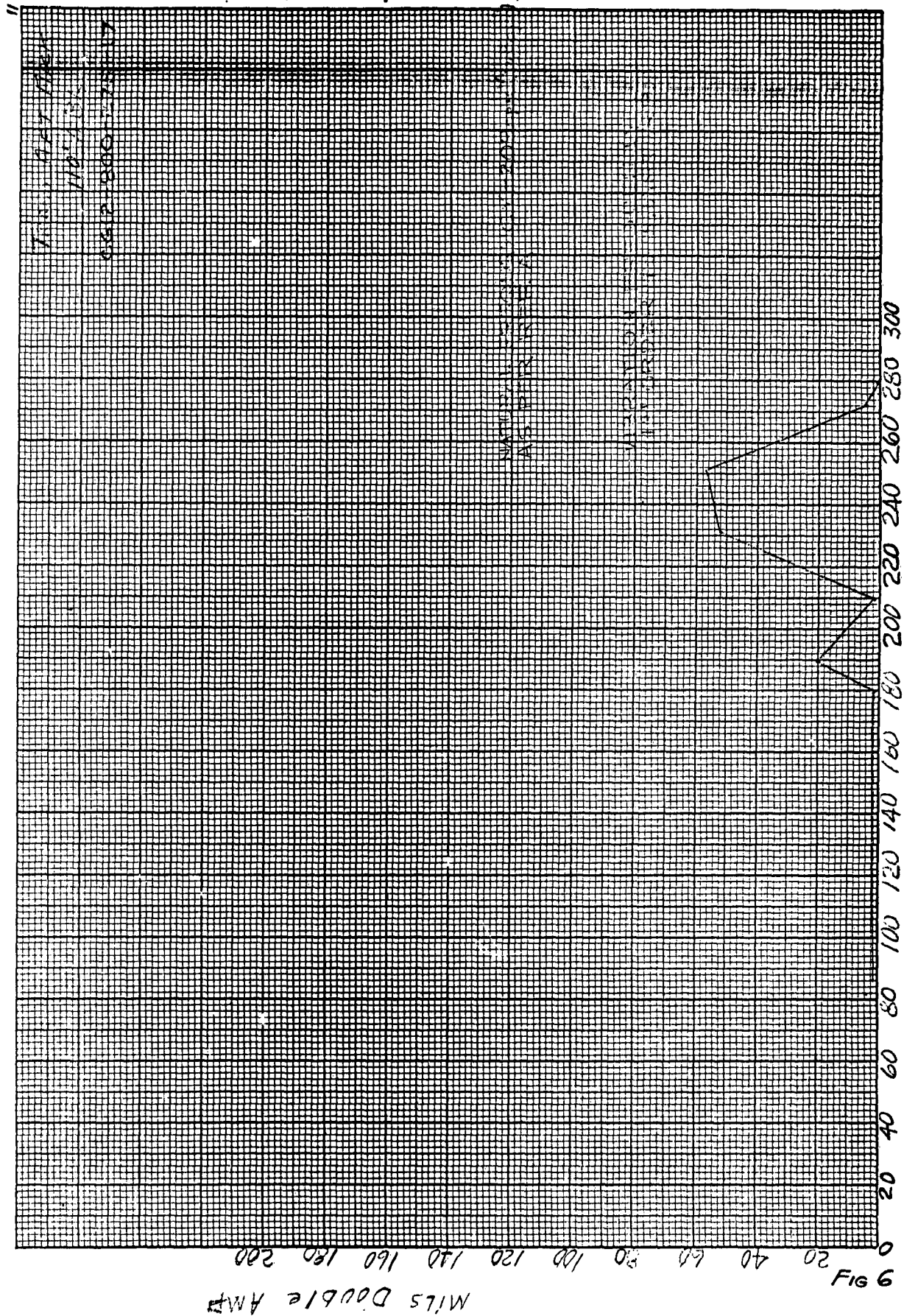


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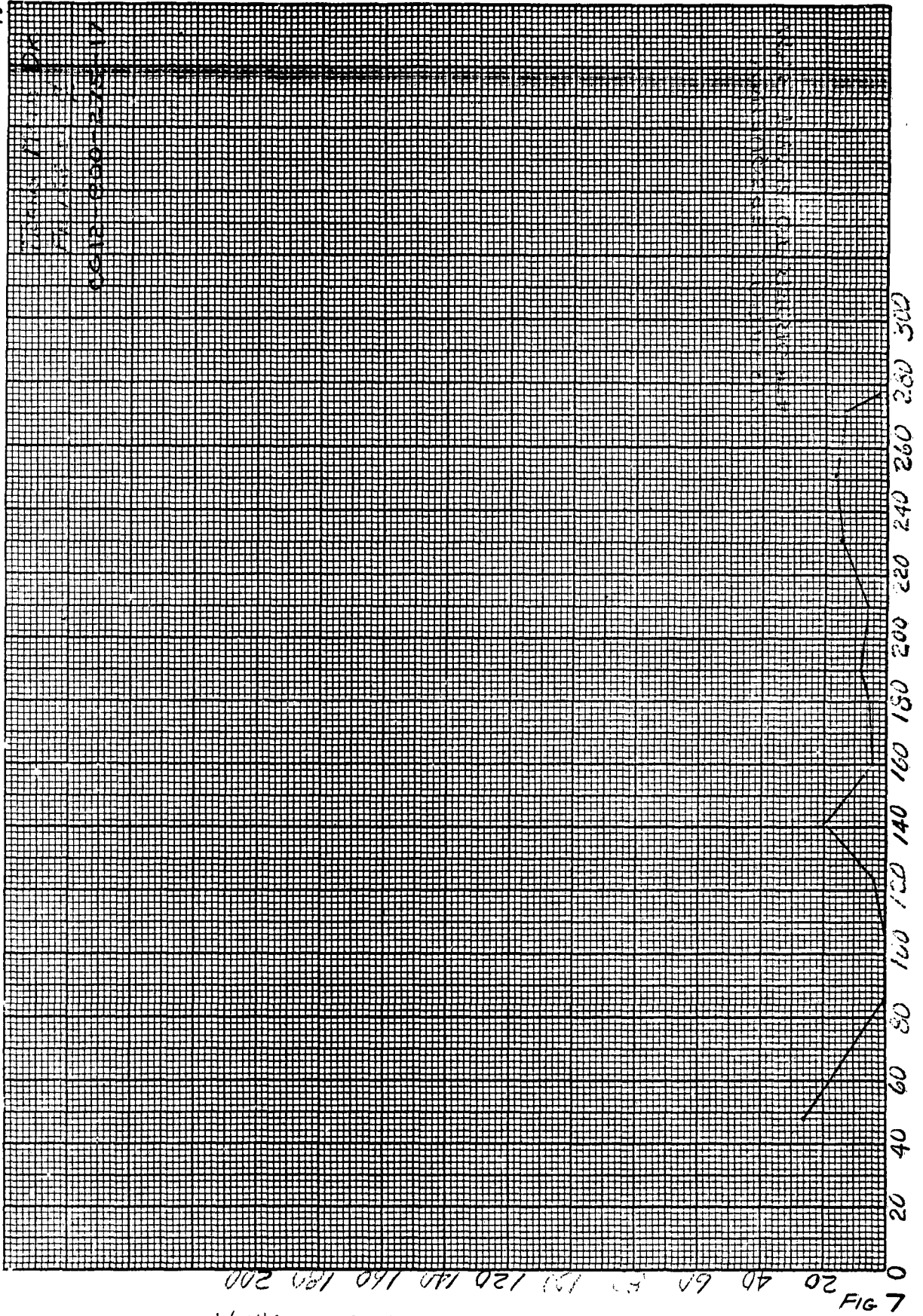
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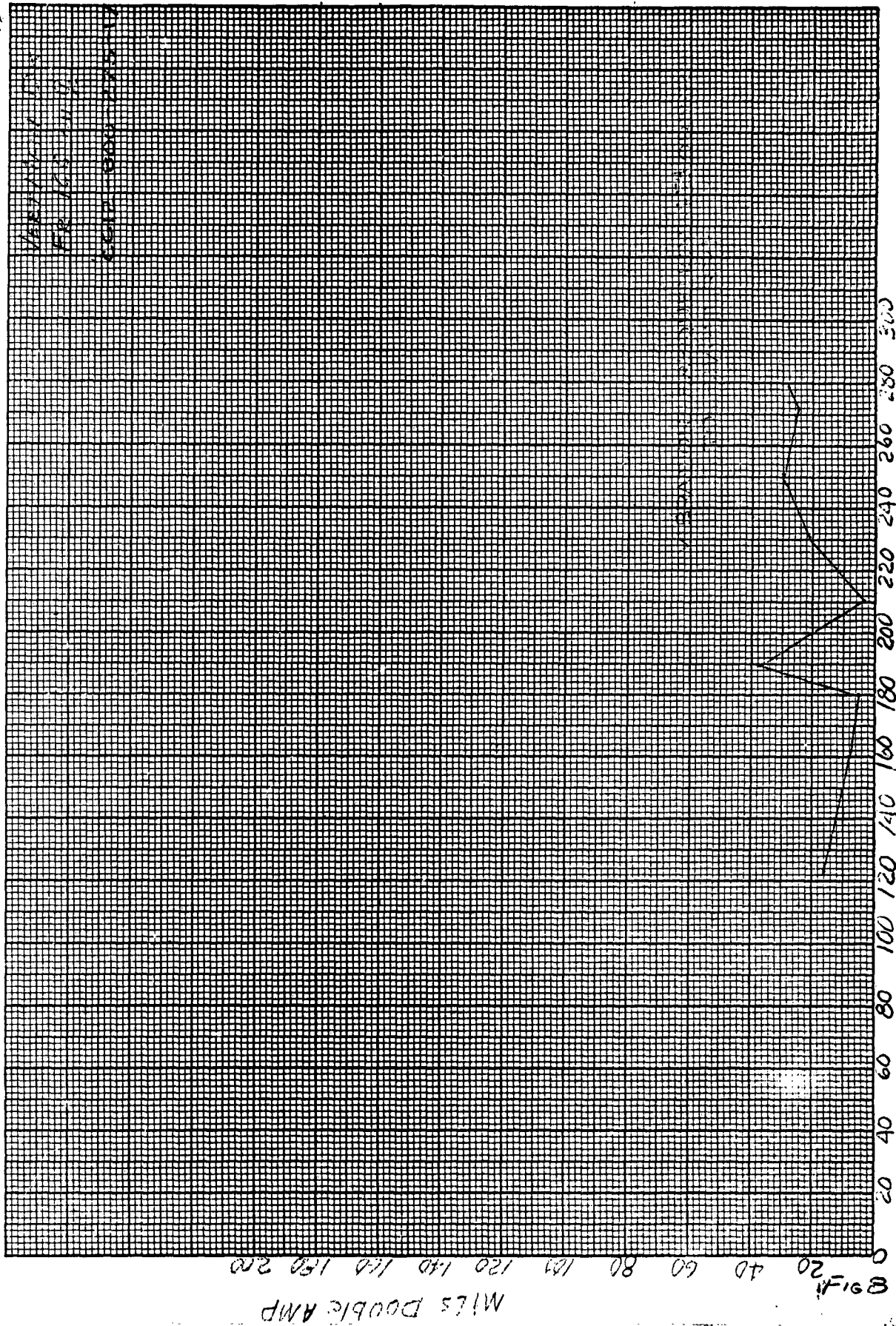
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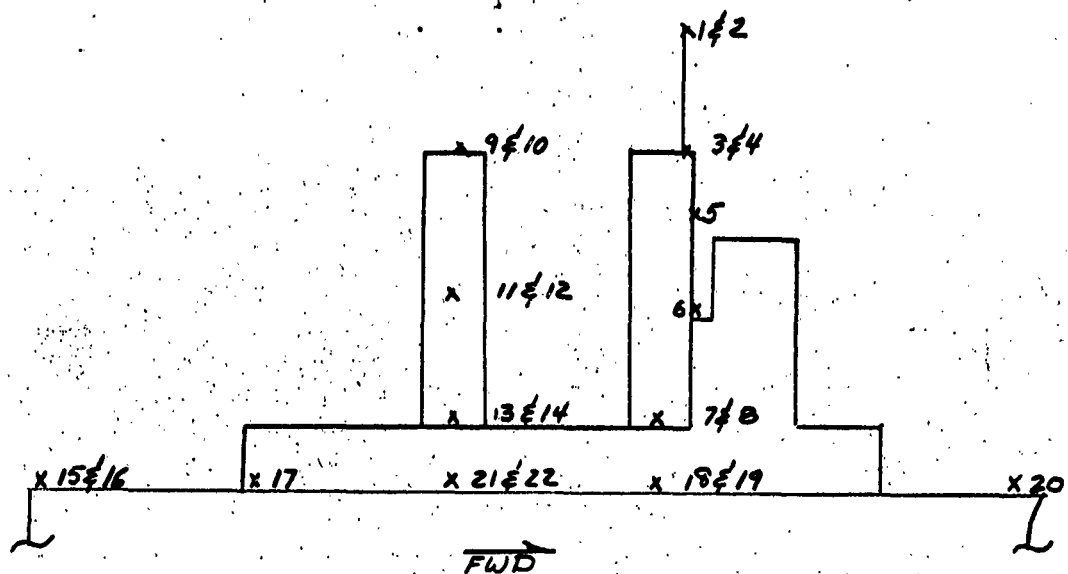


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Vertical axis  
 Horizontal axis  
 0 20 40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 260 280 300



STATION NO.	PICKUP DIRECTION	PICKUP LOCATION
1	Trans	Base of TACAN Ant
2	Long	Base of TACAN Ant
3	Trans	Top Fwd Mack
4	Long	Top Fwd Mack
5	Trans	Fwd Mack 127' ABL
6	Trans	Fwd Mack 115' ABL
7	Trans	Base of Fwd Mack 02 Dk
8	Long	Base of Fwd Mack 02 Dk
9	Trans	Top Aft Mack
10	Long	Top Aft Mack
11	Trans	Aft Mack 110' ABL
12	Long	Aft Mack 110' ABL
13	Trans	Base of Aft Mack 02 Dk
14	Long	Base of Aft Mack 02 Dk
15	Trans	Fr 166 on t
16	Vert	Fr 166 on t
17	Trans	Fr 140 on Port Side
18	Vert	Fr 96 on Port side
19	Vert	Fr 96 on Stbd side
20	Vert	Fr 76 on Port Side
21	Vert	Fr 76 on Stbd side
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Sketch 1

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Pre-overhaul hull vibration survey,  
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Ref: (a) NAVSHIPBREM Test Memo DD884-800-T-23314  
(b) Mil Std 167

1. A pre-overhaul vibration was conducted on the USS PARKS (DD884) on 5 April 1962 as requested by the Type Desk (Code 213). Work on this report was suspended when the FRAM overhaul was tentatively cancelled and is now submitted for application to the current conversion.
2. The vibration trial was conducted in conformance with reference (a). Amplitudes of vibration recorded during this trial were all well below those stated in ref (b) for all speeds up to 330 SRPM. Hull vibration under the mast did not exceed 2 mils, and vibration on the mast did not exceed 5 mils. All significant vibration observed was at a frequency 4th order to propeller RPM. It is concluded that the bow replacement on this vessel has not created a serious vibration deficiency.
3. No recommendations are made for action to reduce the hull vibration observed on this ship. However, it is recommended that normal repair and conversion procedures be followed in repair and balancing of propeller and shafting. It is not known what the vibration characteristics of the ship will be after completion of the FRAM overhaul, but observations from the USS BRINKLEY BASS indicate that addition of the FRAM mast and aluminum deck house structure may induce vibration problems. The latter may be minimized by providing an accurate balance and alignment of the propulsion system.

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# Pressure and Vibration Tests of RG-270/U Coax Cable

- Ref: (a) Planning Dept Memo CC2-404-273-02 of 20 June 1962  
(b) Test Memo CC2-404-T-23462, Pressure Test of RG-270/U Coax  
(c) Andrew Drawing No. D-H7

1. Pressure and vibration tests of a sample RG-270/U cable were requested by reference (a). These tests were conducted in accordance with reference (b). Work was done on the M-B vibrator in the interval of 20 September 1962 to 25 September 1962. End fittings, types 77R and 21L, were used for the tests.

## 2. Description of Tests:

The cable and fittings were installed on an "M" 50 pound electrodynamic vibrator as shown in sketch A. This configuration was an attempt to approximate one of the many vibrational modes the transmission system might be subjected to aboard ship. Preliminary investigation revealed that pressures less than 40 psig were insignificant tests for the system. Therefore, vibrational tests were conducted at 40 psig, the maximum pressure indicated by reference (a). Frequency scanning discovered significant cable resonant modes at 4.7, 9.4, and 10.3 cps, frequencies present aboard ship. The cable system was subjected to approximately 1g acceleration at the vibration table for two hours at each of the resonant frequencies. The cable configuration was then changed to that shown in Sketch B. By clamping the end fittings rigidly and driving the cable at the center, it was intended to induce maximum stresses at the end fitting - cable junction. Again, for two hours each, the system was excited by 1g of table motion at 4.7, 9.4, and 10.3 cps. Using the previous test setup, the end fittings were heated to 145°F., and vibrated by 2G table acceleration at 10.3 cps for 4 hours. This operation was intended to test the durability of organic packings at elevated temperatures. Finally, the coax and end fittings were subjected to extreme hydro static pressures. This was done in order to locate the weak link in the coaxial system, and to find the safety factor for the system operating at 40 psig.

## 3. Findings:

The coax and fittings endured 1,757,000 cycles at one "G" acceleration and 1,433,000 cycles at 2 "G" acceleration with no sign of deterioration or malfunction. During these tests internal pressure in a 150 cubic inch volume dropped from 40 psig to 38.5 psig. This represents a 0.75% drop per day. An unknown part of this leakage can be attributed to external piping and instrumentation. Reference (c) indicates an allowable pressure drop of 8.3% per day at 12 psig for similar volumes. Heat did not affect the packings in the four hours tested. Hydrostatic pressure attained 280 psig before an "O" ring in the type 21L fitting ruptured. No other damage was noted. This would give the system, when operating at 40 psig, an approximate pressure safety factor of 7.

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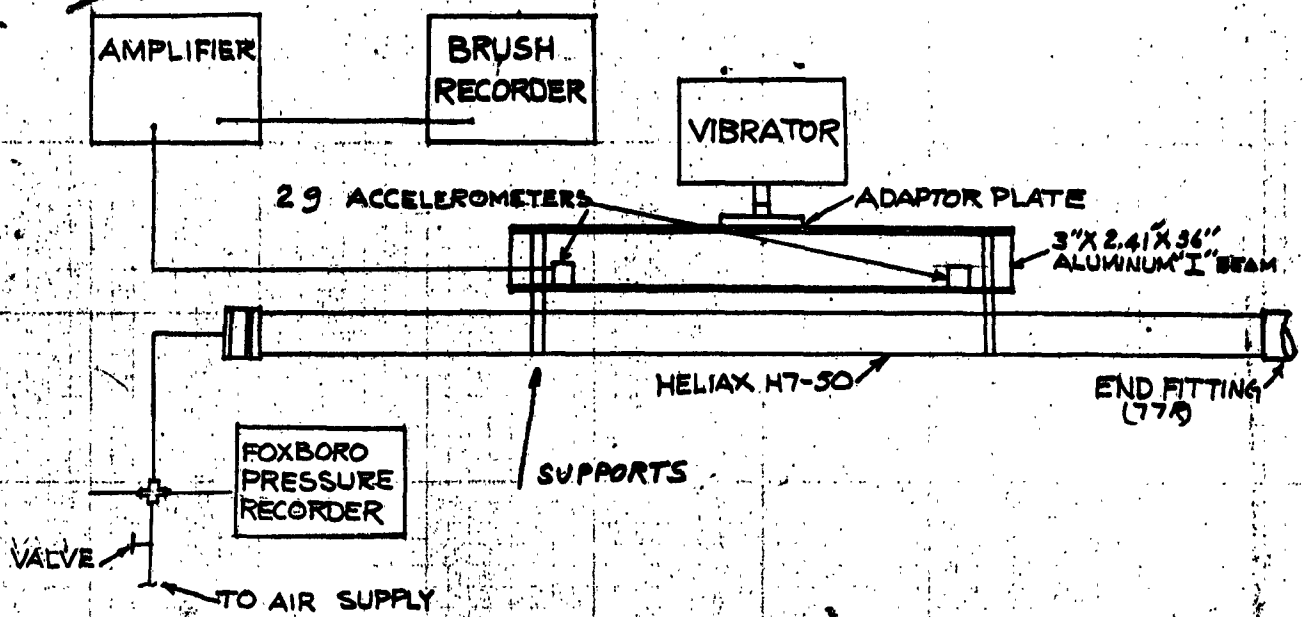
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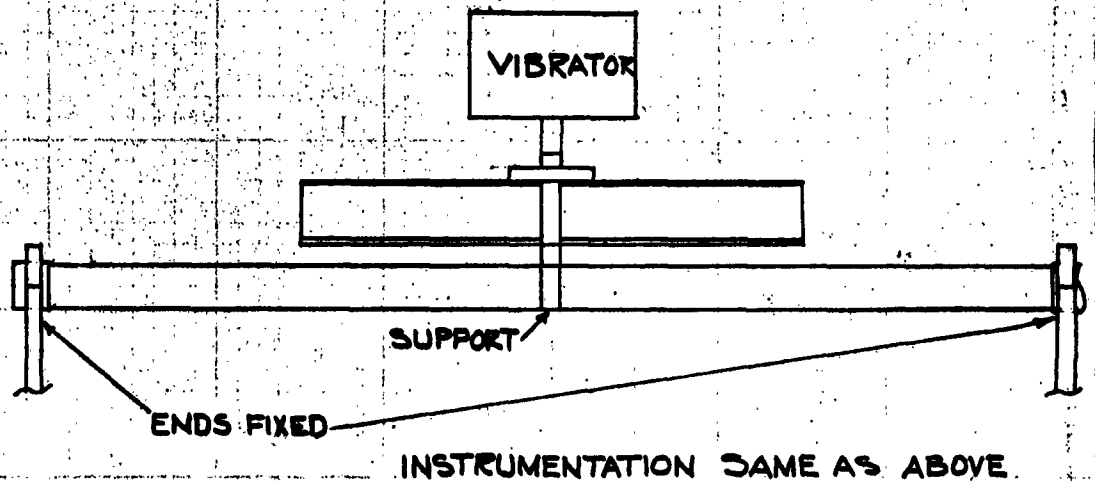
## 4. Conclusions:

The RG-270/U coax and fittings can be satisfactorily used aboard ship when pressurized to 40 psig. It is expected to withstand extreme vibration and elevated temperatures up to 145°F. without excessive loss of pressure. The system, when operated in static conditions at 40 psig, has a pressure safety factor of about 7.

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SKETCH A



SKETCH B

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**Vibration Survey of Ship's Service Turbo-Generators No's. 1A and 1B**

Ref: (a) INSURV items E501 and E502  
(b) MIL-STD-167

1. Initial vibration measurements of Ship's Service Turbo-Generators No's 1A and 1B began at pierside on 9-21-62 in response to reference (a). Subsequent measurements and balancing was terminated on 10-19-62.
2. Original measurements found each generating system producing at 30 CPS excessive vibrations. Additional investigation indicated that both generator-exciter systems were not in dynamic balance. It was noted that the supporting structure of the two generating plants tended to accentuate the resulting vibration. Code 275 recommended in-place balancing as a solution.
3. Balancing was begun on Turbo-Generator No. 1B in the exciter end-plane. A moment of 6 in.-oz. was required to bring this plane into dynamic balance at 1800 RPM. However, though the vibration was reduced in the exciter, no improvement was noted at the turbine end. It was decided that an additional balance plane was required. The exciter end of the generator rotor was chosen as the second plane. A moment change of 26 in.-oz. was required to bring the second plane into limits. The inter-action of the two planes then required the removal of the 6 in.-oz. moment from the exciter plane. The iterative process of balancing from plane to plane, was, at this point, interrupted by calibration failure of the IRD Vibration Analyzer. Because of time limitations, balancing on Turbo-Generator No. 1B was not finished. No balancing was accomplished on Turbo-Generator No. 1A due to time limitations. Table I notes the vibration measured on the machines in their present balance condition. (For Table I, See Page 2.)
4. It is recommended that Turbo-Generators No's. 1A and 1B be dynamically balanced to within limits of reference (b). Specifications at the earliest date possible.

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TABLE I

Both machines under load simultaneously.

Machine	Load, %	Mode	Turbine End Bearing	Location Bull Gear	Exciter End Bearing
1A	0	V	2.5	0.5	3
		T	5	1	1
		L	1	2	1.5
	50	V	2	3.5	2.5
		T	4	4	1
		L	2	2	1
	100	V	4	4	3
		T	5	4	1.5
		L	1	1	0.5
	0	V	1.5	2	2.5
		T	1.5	2	1
		L	1.5	1.5	1
1B	50	V	1.5	2	4
		T	2	1.5	3
		L	1	1.5	1.5
	100	V	3	3	5.5
		T	4	2	4
		L	2.5	2	4

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Vibration of 400 Cycle Motor  
Generator Sets, Main Deck, Fr 110  
Std; Report of

Ref: (a) Mil-Std-167

1. In performance of shop acceptance tests of the 400 cycle M.G. sets an excessive vibration was observed. Measurements were made which disclosed a maximum vibration of 6 mils, double amplitude, at rotor frequency. Reference (a) allows 1.6 mils, double amplitude. The vibration transmitted into the deck was 2 mils double amplitude.

2. It is recommended that the two M.G. sets be dynamically balanced to meet the requirements of reference (a). A fine degree of balance will be required. Accomplish balancing in place aboard ship, if feasible.

3. Notify Code 275 after <sup>balancing is</sup> ~~generators are~~ complete and generators are ready for retest.

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